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**UTILITY PATENT
APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL**
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Attorney Docket No.	040185	Total Pages	
First Named Inventor or Application Identifier			
Toshiaki AKAHOSHI			
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**APPLICATION ELEMENTS FOR:
PROCESS FOR SEPARATING AND RECOVERING
VALUABLE METALS**

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2. Specification Total Pages [26]

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- b. Copy from prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d))
(for continuation/divisional with Box 17 completed).

i. Deletion of Inventor(s)
Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in prior application,
see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b)

5. Incorporation by reference (useable if box 4b is checked)

The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied under Box 4b, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.

6. Microfiche Computer Program (Appendix)

7. Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission (if applicable, all necessary)

- a. Computer Readable Copy
- b. Paper Copy (identical to computer copy)
- c. Statement Verifying identity of above copies

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8. Assignment Papers (cover sheet and documents(s)) to: _____
Please publish the assignee data with the application.

9. 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement (when there is an assignee) Power of Attorney

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10. [] English translation Document (if applicable)

11. [] Information Disclosure Statement w/PTO-1449 [] Copies of IDS Citations (reference)

12. [XX] Preliminary Amendment

13. [XX] Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503)

14. [XX] Small Entity Status is claimed.

15. [XX] Claim for Convention Priority [] Certified copy of Priority Document
a. Priority of Japanese application no. 2003-121903 filed on April 25, 2003 is claimed under 35 USC 119.

16. [] Other _____

17. If a CONTINUING APPLICATION, check appropriate box and supply the requisite information:
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